

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2496

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 15, 1983

Investigation to Determine the)
Nature of Uncertificated)
Operations, if any, by EUGENE H.)
GEORGE Between Points in the)
Metropolitan District)

Case No. MP-83-04

By Order No. 2474 the Commission instituted an investigation into unauthorized transportation services provided by respondent Eugene H. George. The Commission received credible information from the National Park Service-Central District concerning operations of Mr. George which, if true, would be violative of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Sections 4(a), 5(d). The statement of information provided to the Commission asserted that Mr. George was operating an unmarked van used to transport passengers between various points of interest in sightseeing operations in Washington, D. C. Mr. George previously had been stopped by staff members in April 1983 and informed that this transportation service required WMATC certificate.

On October 17, 1983, respondent filed an answer to Commission Order No. 2474 in which he admits to providing sightseeing transportation services for hire without a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity or other authorization therefor from this Commission. In his answer, respondent also consents to entry by this Commission of an order directing him to cease and desist from engaging in transportation regulated by the Compact until an appropriate certificate of public convenience and necessity is in force and effect therefor.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

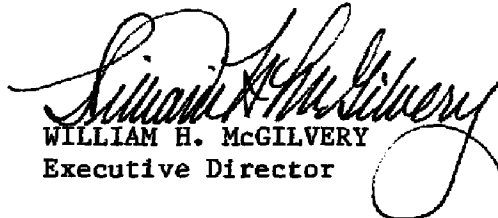
1. That respondent Eugene H. George is hereby ordered to cease and desist from engaging in, directly or indirectly, any and all acts and practices which would constitute a violation of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, or the rules, regulations, or orders of the Commission issued thereunder, including engaging in the for-hire transportation of passengers by van between points in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District unless and

until there is in force an appropriate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission, and the charging of fares for such transportation between points in the Metropolitan District unless such fares are contained in an effective tariff approved by the Commission.

2. That respondent Eugene H. George is further ordered to cease and desist from soliciting or holding out, directly or indirectly, by use of mailings, telephone directory listings, advertisements or other means, to perform such transportation services unless and until said respondent is in compliance with all requirements of the Compact and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission issued thereunder.

3. That the investigation undertaken in this matter is hereby discontinued.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS WORTHY, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director